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"This matter is currently before the Informal working group on the IGY
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directed to him.
(A copy of this memo has been made available to 25X1A9a MAY 1977 has been informed
of existence of working group.) --JAB

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Sale of 10 Baker-Nunn Satellite Tracking
Cameras to the Soviet International
Geophysical Year Committee

1. Background:

During a visit to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory June 24-30, 1977, Mr. A. G. Maslovitch of the Soviet IGY Committee inquired about the possibility of purchasing 10 Baker-Nunn Satellite Tracking Cameras. At the IGY Rocket and Satellite Conference in Washington, September 30 - October 5, 1977, the Russian Delegation also indicated an interest in purchasing these cameras. The delegate, Dr. Shastkin, indicated a willingness to pay up to \$105,000 each for 10 of these cameras. At the time of these inquiries the late delivery schedule of cameras for U.S. stations seemed to preclude the possibility of deliveries to the Soviet IGY Committee within a reasonable time. However, as the production and delivery rates of the subject cameras have greatly improved, the Executive Director of the U.S. National IGY Committee now wishes to open the question of the possible sale of 10 cameras to the Soviet IGY Committee.

2. Current Situation:

On 29 April 1978 the U.S. National IGY Committee applied to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign Commerce for an export license to cover shipment of 10 of these cameras even though there is no firm order for this equipment in hand. In fact, the letter states that there is no certainty that such a shipment could or should be made. A copy of the same letter was sent to the Science Adviser of the Department of State requesting a policy position in this matter.

3. CIA Introduction to the Problem:

On 7 May 1978 Mr. C. F. Wallis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign Commerce (Code 112 x 4751) called the undersigned to report the situation and request a technical advisement regarding the Baker-Nunn camera with particular highlighting of its performance or elements of sophistication which could be checked against present categories of E-W trade restrictions for denying the license application. This type of verbal request has

USSR after the meeting and that full advantage should be taken of the opportunities for collecting useful data which might result.

4. Major Best stated that Lt. Col. Streeton, the Air Force IGY representative, would be available at the next meeting of the Working Group to explain his interests and activities particularly with respect to post-IGY activities in the Arctic.

5. The next meeting of the Working Group will be on 23 July at 1330 in Room 621, State Annex 1, 23rd and E Street, N. W.

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